not less than 3% in vacancies in government jobs for persons with disabilities. The States/Union Territory administrations have initiated action to implement the provisions of the Act.

Further, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 32 of the said Act, the Ministry had constituted an Expert Committee to identify/ review the posts in Group A, B, C and D to be reserved under Section 33 of the Act, for the disabled persons in the establishments of Government, of India. The Committee had submitted its report and the same has been finalized.

Assessment of number of senior citizens and old age homes

115. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of number of senior citizens and old age homes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures have been taken by Government for the betterment of life and welfare of the senior citizens;

(d) the existing policy, if any, laid down down by Government in this respect; and

(e) if answer to part (d) be in the negative, whether Government would consider the question of formulating such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, two Statements marked I and II indicating the projected number of Senior Citizens as per 2001 census and number of old age homes are placed on the Table of the House *(See* below).

(c) (i) National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) has been set up on 10th May, 1999 to operationalize the National Policy for Older Persons, which was announced in January, 1999. The first meeting of NCOP was held at New Delhi on 13th June, 2000. The members

discussed the draft Action Plan for implementation of the National Policy on Older Persons. The process of finalization of Action Plan is in progress.

(ii) 'Aadhar' has been set up to function as Secretariat of NCOP. The major activities of Aadhar include receiving and taking follow up action on representations, the complaints and grievances of older persons.

(iii) Both the ongoing schemes of the Ministry for welfare of older persons have been reviewed and revised in the light of the National Policy.

(iv) The Ministry has commissioned a project called OASIS (an acronym for Old Age Social and Income Security) and appointed an Eight Member Expert Committee, headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman of UTI, to examine policy questions connected with old age income security in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The Committee submitted its final report on 11.1.2000 on which action is being taken by the Government.

(v) On the request of this Ministry, Chief Justice of India advised Chief Justices of all High Courts in the Country to ensure expeditious disposal of Court Cases involving Older Persons.

(vi) Union Health Ministry has issued instructions to all the State Governments/UT Administrations for provision of separate queues for older persons at all stages.

(vii) At the initiative and with the financial assistance of this Ministry, a Telephone Helpline for older persons has been started by an NGO called Agewell Foundation. This Helpline is functional from April, 1999.

(viii) The National Institute of Social Defence has started a six months'course for home care of elderly disabled persons. This course will help to prepare a cadre of Geriatric Animators: to render comprehensive care to the aged in their homes and in the community.

(d) The Government has framed a National Policy on Older Persons, which was announced in January 1999.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Projected Population by age and sex on 1st *March,* 1996—2016, *India (in/000)*

Age Group	1996			1997			1998		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<M	61.008	58.538	119,546	59367	56.857	116.124	57.892	55,430	113323
5-9	63.993	59.694	123.686	64,102	60303	124,404	63.574	60,236	123.809
10-14	57.939	51.606	109345	59,609	53.506	113,115	61,098	55,367	116.465
15-19	47,999	42.721	90,721	49,778	43,989	93.766	51,749	45.606	97355
20-24	41,676	40.334	82,010	42.620	40369	83,189	43,646	40.759	84.405
25-29	37,793	37,987	75,780	38,475	38.648	77,123	39.133	39.146	78379
30-34	33,739	32,361	66,100	34,453	33,487	67,940	35.214	34.665	69.879
35-39	29,993	27,003	56,997	30.704	27.959	58.663	31369	28,927	60.296
40-44	25,469	22,345	47,814	26331	23.100	49.331	27.049	23.920	50.969
45-49	21,488	18,828	40,315	22,097	19.408	41.505	22.722	19.985	42.707
50-54	17.605	15373	32,978	18,170	15.892	34,062	18.751	16.460	35,211
55-59	13,834	12378	26,412	14,192	12.844	27,035	14,676	13303	27.879
60-64	11,579	10,842	22,421	11.706	10,994	22,700	11.801	11.096	22.898
65-69	8,483	7,927	16,410	8.651	8,179	16,830	8.931	8.522	17,453
70-74	6,192	5367	11.760	6314	5,677	11.890	6.196	5.764	11,960
75-79	2,351	2.268	4,620	2,736	2.639	5,375	3.135	3.031	6,166
80+	3,717	3,389	7,106	3367.	3,258	6.825	3.423	3.132	6.555
All Ages	484,859	449.360	934,218	492371	457,307	949.878	500.359	465.249	965,607

Age Group	1999			2000			2001		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
0-4	56,907	543V7	111,224	56341	53.484	109.726	55,713	52.781	108.494
5-9	62,415	59.480	121,894	60,846	58.245	119.090	59.239	56.906	116.145
10-14	62,364	57,107	119,471	63353	58,514	121.767	63.566	59.339	122.905
15-19	53,813	47,477	101,290	55,824	49,444	105,268	57.675	51389	109,064
20-24	44,801	41,029	85.830	46,152	41369	87,721	47,731	42,489	90,220
25-29	39,704	39313	79318	40345	39,808	80,353	41,395	40,077	81.472
30-34	35,996	35,824	71,820	36.757	36,856	73,613	37,477	37,695	75.172
35-39	32,011	29,920	61,930	32.668	30,957	63,625	35363	32.046	65.409
40-44	27,893	24,796	52,689	28.719	25,709	54.428	29.499	26.651	56,150
45-49	23374	20,578	43,952	24,071	21.221	45392	24.823	21.932	46,755

Age	1999			2000			2001		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
50-54	19348	17,061	37.410	19,968	17,675	37.643	20.613	18388	38.901
55-59	15,250	13.639	28.889	15.861	14,127	29.988	16.477	14.651	31.128
60-64	11.914	11.195	23.109	12.118	11354	23.472	12.451	11,610	24,061
65-69	9.254	8.893	18.148	9.558	9332	18.790	9.822	9317	19340
70-74	6,237	5.905	12.142	6^69	6.132	12311	6.614	6,439	13,053
75-79	3,509	3.404	6.913	3,873	3.740	7.613	4396	4,014	8309
80+	3.285	3.011	6,2%	3.152	2.895	6.047	3,025	2.783	5,808
All Ages	508.174	473.150	981,324	515,984	480,961	996.944	523.780	488.606	1.012386
60+							36208	34363	70571
Percentage							6.91	7.03	6.97

Statement-II

No. of old age Homes in the Country Under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons

SI. No.	Name of the State	OAH
1.	Andhra Pradesh	97
2.	Assam	3
3.	Bihar	1
4.	Chandigarh	0
5.	Gujarat	1
6.	Haryana	3
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0
8.	J & K	2
9.	Karnataka	23
10.	Kerala	2
11.	MP	5
12.	Maharashtra	6
13.	Manipur	21
14.	Orissa	40
15.	Punjab	5
16.	Rajasthan	0
17.	Tamil Nadu	39
18.	Tripura	2

SI. No.	Name of the State	OAH
19.	Uttar Pradesh	30
20.	West Bengal	30
21.	Delhi	0
22.	Pondicherry	3
	TOTAL	313

NGOs penalised in Andhra Pradesh

116. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations with their addresses in Andhra Pradesh that have been penalised during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the details of the action taken against such organisations, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The details of Non-Governmental Organisation with their addresses and action taken against such organisation in Andhra Pradesh that have been penalised during the last three years, district-wise are as under:

SI. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Governmental Organisation with address	Action taken
1	2	3	4
1.	Anantpur	Social Service Society for Poor People, 1/2909, Tharaka Ramapuram, Dharamavaram, Anantpur Distt., AP-515671	The organisation has been blacklisted from this Ministry and an amount of Rs. 54106/- has been recovered from the organization including an interest of Rs. 3436/-.